

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 17, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicants amend claims 10, 14 and 15. Accordingly, claims 1-16 are currently pending, of which claims 1-9 are withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 10-11 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 19 and 23 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/824,585 in view of Hashimoto'920 (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0013920). Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments in claims 10-11, this provisional double patenting rejections are believed to be moot.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 10-12 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's related art (hereafter, ARA) in view of Hashimoto'920 (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0013920). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 10 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 10 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "attaching an aligning substrate to at least one side surface of a table", "providing a substrate onto the top surface of the table to be adjacent to the aligning substrate", and "moving the table to position the syringe over the substrate from the aligning substrate to dispense a material onto the substrate through the syringe". None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention.

In rejecting claim 10, the Examiner acknowledges that ARA "does not explicitly teach that the aligning substrate is attached to the table." See Office Action, line 5 page 3. The Examiner cites Hashimoto as allegedly teaching "making a LCD substrate, wherein the substrate can be placed into a deposition chamber with vacuum sucking table. The substrate is fixed on the table by vacuum suction. The substrate is interpreted to be attached to the table by vacuum

suction. Loading of the aligning substrate can be also fixed on the table by such vacuum suction.” As motivation for modifying the teachings of ARA with Hashimoto, the Examiner states, “Thus, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to have used a vacuum sucking table in the method of making the LCD of AAPA with a reasonable expectation of success because the Hashimoto teaches that such a table is operable would have been an obvious modification”.

Applicants respectfully disagree that Hashimoto teaches “to have used a vacuum sucking table in the method of making the LCD of AAPA with a reasonable expectation of success because the Hashimoto teaches that such a table is operable would have been an obvious modification.”

The substrate fixed on the table by the vacuum suction in Hashimoto corresponds to the substrate of claim 1 on which the material is dispensed, not the aligning substrate. That is, the aligning substrate of claim 1 is attached to the one side face of the table, while the substrate of Hashimoto is fixed on the table. Thus, Hashimoto fails to teach the aligning substrate attached to the side surface of the table. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 10 is allowable over the cited references.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 11-12 and reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 11-12 are allowable at least by virtue of the fact that they depend from claim 10, which is allowable.

Claims 14-15 are allowable over the cited references in that claims 14-15 recite a combination of elements including, for example, “attaching an aligning substrate to at least one side surface of a table”, “providing a substrate onto the top surface of the table to be adjacent to the aligning substrate”, and “moving the table to position the syringe over the substrate from the aligning substrate to dispense a material onto the substrate through the syringe”. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 14-15 for the same reasons as claim 10. Applicants’ arguments with respect to claim 10 are equally applicable to claims 14-15, and Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14-15 are allowable over the cited references for the same reasons given for claim 10 above.

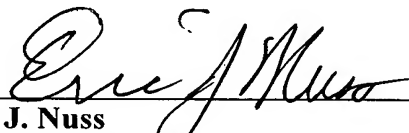
On page 4 of the Office Action, claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over ARA in view of Hashimoto et al (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0083203). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicants note that claim 13 depends from claim 10 and includes by reference all of the elements of claim 10. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 10 is allowable over the cited references based on its dependency from claim 10 and for the reasons given for claim 10.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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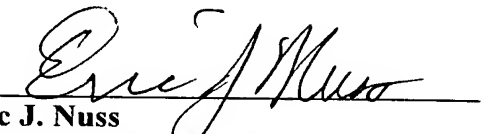
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